

## Message Text

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TAGS: PINS, PINT, PGOV, GH  
SUBJ: ACHEAMPONG'S PERSONAL APPEAL FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) ACCRA 5414, (B) STATE 166871

1. AT MY REQUEST, I SAW ACHEAMPONG AGAIN MORNING JULY 27. REFERRING TO HIS EARLIER REQUEST FOR MEDICAL AID, I NOTED THAT THE STRIKING DOCTORS HAD RETURNED TO WORK ONLY A FEW DAYS AFTER THAT REQUEST AND SAID I THEREFORE ASSUMED THAT THE UNDERLYING REASON FOR HIS APPEAL HAD NOW BEEN REMOVED. ACHEAMPONG QUICKLY AGREED WITHOUT ARGUMENT AND CONFIRMED THAT KORLE BU HOSPITAL WAS OPERATING NORMALLY. I SAID I WAS RELIEVED TO HAVE CONFIRMATION OF THIS BECAUSE, AS I HAD WARNED HIM MIGHT BE THE CASE, OUR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT WOULD HAVE MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND THOUGHT THAT THE SITUATION WAS NOW UNDER CONTROL.

(ALTHOUGH ACHEAMPONG MADE NO REFERENCE TO IT, I WAS INFORMED BY SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS ON PREVIOUS DAY THAT ROMANIANS HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE 15 DOCTORS. MFA OFFICIALS MADE LITTLE ATTEMPT TO HIDE FACT THAT THEY FOUND ROMANIAN DECISION PUZZLING.

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THEY WONDERED ALOUD HOW THE GOG WOULD BE ABLE TO PAY THEM.)

2. RE PARA 4, REF B, WE WILL MONITOR MEDICAL SITUATION CLOSELY BUT NOW HAVE NO RPT NO EVIDENCE THAT THERE IS A LEGITIMATE CRISIS NEED FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

3. COMMENT: BELIEVE WE CAN NOW PUT THIS SUBJECT  
TO REST TO EVERYONE'S RELIEF. THIS INCLUDES  
COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLI AND OTHER SENIOR  
MFA OFFICIALS WHO HAVE CONFIDED PRIVATELY THAT  
ACHEAMPONG WAS NAIVE TO THINK THAT WE COULD HAVE  
RESPONDED FAVORABLY.  
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